dates of commissioning are indicated in Annex-I. (*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 100).

Construction of power generation projects

†4062. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of power generation projects are under construction in the country;

(b) if so, the number of these projects at the end of December, 1999;

(c) the number of such projects which are running five years behind their original time schedule; and

(d) the generation capacity of these projects together with the amount incurred on their construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 24 on going and TEC cleared thermal power projects of an aggregate capacity of 10962.59 MW and 61 sanctioned hydro-electric power projects with a total capacity of 15124.95 MW were under construction in the country as on 31st December, 1999.

(c) and (d) 3 thermal power projects and 34 hydro-electric power projects under construction have been delayed by five years or more and details alongwith expenditure incurred in respect of these projects are given in Annex. (*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 101).

Shortage of Power due to pitiable condition of SEBs

†4063. DR. D. MASTHAN :
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of power in the country is due to the pitiable financial condition of the State Electricity Boards;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.